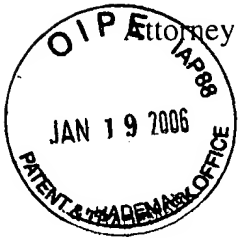


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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2600**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: James D. Hooberman

Serial No.: 09/780,177

Group Art Unit: 2617

Filing Date: February 9, 2001

Examiner: Vivek Srivastava

For: VIRTUAL SOUND SYSTEM

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2005, please enter the following amendments in order to place the application in condition for allowance, or at least in better condition for appeal.

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COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)				Docket No. AF/2617 HCI-10002/38 JPW	
In Re Application Of: James D. Hooberman					
Application No. 09/780,177	Filing Date February 9, 2001	Examiner Vivek Srivastava	Customer No. 25006	Group Art Unit 2617	Confirmation No. 8403
Invention: VIRTUAL SOUND SYSTEM					
<p><u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>September 22, 2005</u> in the above-identified application.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Date</i></p> <p>The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months </p> <p> from: <u>December 22, 2005</u> until: <u>January 22, 2006</u> </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Date</i> <i>Date</i></p> <p>Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.</p> <p>The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:</p>					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	4 -	20 =	0	x \$25.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	1 -	3 =	0	x \$100.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$60.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$60.00

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$60.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
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- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
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- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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